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RUSSIANS ATTEMPT TO DRIVE GERMANS BACK

THE LATTER HAVE CAPTURED BORJINMOW, BUT THE RUS-SIANS HOLD THE TRENCHES IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY.

TURKS AGAIN ACTIVE

FORMERLY DRIVEN BACK BY THE RUSSIANS, THEY ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO ENTER BY WAY OF NORTHWEST PERSIA.

Petrograd, Jan. 5 .- Along Petrograd, Jan. 5.—Along an ligregular front from the Bzura river to
the south and southwest, eighty miles,
a terrible battle is again raging, the
Germans taking the offensive, and are
teing repulsed. The Germans cap. ard a few trenches, but lost them again,
the Germans occupied a part of the
way of Borjinmow, but the Russians
and the trenches on the east outskirts. sed the Pilica river at a tremen-us cost of life.

A number of the American colony at Moscow has contributed 14,000 presents for children whose fathers are at the front. The gifts consist of gloves, shoes, caps and other articles of wearing apparel, and their distribution will be made during the Russian Christ-

George Marye, Jr., American ambassador; Mrs. Marye, Henry D. Baker, commercial attache of the American embassy, and Captain Newton M. Culley, naval attache, who have gone to Warsaw and are expected to discussed to Christmas presents from American attaches. tribute Christmas presents from America at the front, will spend the Christmas holidays at Moscow.

on the night of January 2-3 near Boulimo, where the Germans after an onergetic attack captured one of our trenches, but was immediately isloged by our counter attack, in which we captured six guns and 1,700 prisoners and cannon. In the capture of the Uzsok Pass the next day we also made many prisoners, took six quick firers. In this regiion the staff of a column of the enemy, with officers of the line, were taken.

"Through the whole of Bukowina we have occupied much country including a town two-thirds of a mile from the Austro-Hungary frontiel.

"In the region of Sari-Kamysh on January 1 the great battle continued to offer an obmy, however, continued to offer an obmy, however, continued to offer an obmy, however, continued to offer an obmost of the Galifornia legislation. Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 5.—Yester-day was opening day for the 41st session of the California legislature, with a large progressive majority in the senate. Titular progressives do not control in the assembly, but ciaim sufficient accession from the republicans and democrats to insure a majority there in supporting what are known as the administration measures.

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my, however, continued to offer an obstinate resistance.

"We captured the 50th regiment of

"At one point a company of Caucasian regiment was dispersed by bayonet charges, while two Turkish companies were cut to pieces by artiflery

Our troops are operating under conditions exceptionally painful on ac-count of the cold and snow in a ligh altitude. The morale of our soldiers is good, and they fight with urdor."

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NEW COUNTY **BOARD'S FIRST** MEETING TODAY

ORGANIZED BY ELECTING HON L. W. WHITEHURST CHAIRMAN. GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS AT

The three new members of the Board of County Commissioners elect-ed at the last election to serve the poo ed at the last election to serve the people on the board were present this morning and perfected their organization by electing Hon, L. W. Whitehurst as their chairman, Mr. Whitehurst is not altogether a new man, he having been on the board four years ago, and therefore is familiar with the duties of the office. The other two new members are Hous, D. L. Skipper, who has served for several meetings on the old board, succeeding Joseph Crews, who resigned to take the work of Farm Demonstrator, and Hon. W.

Crews, who resigned to take the work of Farm Demonstrator, and Hon. W. M. Whitten, of Punta Gorda, who is a new member, but who, like the other members, is a thorough practical business man, and will add strength to the board. With Major W. G. Welles and John Hagan, hold-overs, the above gentlemen constitute the Board of County Commissioners for DeSoto county.

RESORT TO CONSCRIPTION.

London, Jan. 4 .- A hint that the British government intends to begin conscription to fill the troops of the army and navy was dropped by T. J.

Referring to the fact that there were many thousands of young men with out dependents who had not answered the call to the colors, Mr. McNamara

"If they think they are going to en joy a life of freedom at the other fel-low's expense, they won't enjoy it much longer

As the result of six open air meetings at Cardiff addressed by wounded soldiers, there was an extraordinarrush to the recruiting office, and the recruiting officers were kept busy un til after midnight.

JAPANESE CONTRACT LABOR.

RURAL CREDITS LAW.

Washington, Jan. 5-President Wil-"We captured the 50th regiment of infantry almost complete, including the commander and fifty officers. The total of Turkish prisoners amounts to 5,000 soldieers, forty officers, and several surgeons. We also captured six pieces of mountain artillery, fourteen machine guns and ammunition.

"The next day the fighting here was still going on. Our troops recaptured some positions which the Turks had occupied, and took three machine guns and more than 700 prisoners.

"At one point a company of Cauca-

FLORIDA LANDS CASE.

Kansas City, Jan. 5.—Hearing on a motion for a new trial of E. C. Chambers, recently convicted of using the mails to defraud in connection with Florida Everglades lands, was begun bers, recently convicted of using the malls to defraud in connection with Florida Everglades lands, was begun vesterday in the federal court. The defense endeavored to show undue influence was brought to bear upon the introduced before they arrived at a verdict finding Chambers guilty. Every member of that jury has been subpoenzed.

GARDNER CRITICISES

THE ADMINISTRATION.

Washington, Jan. 5.—At the second national conference on popular government here, Senator Owens, of Oklahoma, characterized former President finding Chambers guilty. Every member of that jury has been subpoenzed.

STEINBACH THE SCENE OF BLOODY OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN CONFLICT

Details of the Six Days' Battle in the Mountains in the Steinbach Vicinity Show That the Great Conflict Rivals in Ferocity the Battle on the Yser River.

BRITISH WARSHIPS BOMBARD COAST

Great Battle in the West Trenches for Three Hundred and Seventy Miles, Along the Greater Part of Which Fierce Artillery Operations Are in Progress Night and Day.

lloard of County Commissioners for DeSoto county.

After the election of the chairman, the board took up the general routine of business, and will be in session for several days considering matters left over by the retiring board, together with new matters to be considered. DeSoto county can justly feel proud of her officers, as we are sure the board is one of the strongest ever elected in DeSoto county.

The former board was in session all day yesterday winding up the past yen's work before turning over the reins to their successors.

ENGLAND MAY HAVE TO

RESORT TO CONSCRIPTION.

To consequently and the past of the strongest o nay attempting to recapture ground have been repulsed. Stel

possession of Steinbach, upper Alsace, show the battle was one of great ferocity. A French correspondent de-clares the Germans placed women and children in the front ranks, so the French could not fire on them. The French captured the position at the point of the bayonet.

Paris, Jan. 5.—A great battle line have resulted successfully. In the sand now stretches 375 miles from the dunes before Nieuport and in the vilouity of St. Georges the French made gains of 250 to 300 yards, controlling cinity of St. Georges the French made gains of 250 to 300 yards, capturing

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It is officially announced this aftermoon that the French infantry attacks noon that the French infantry attacks have been resumed in Belgium, and have been resumed in Belgium, and peace and good of the world.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL A GOD-SEND TO SERVIANS.

New York, Jan. 5.—Work of the American Red Cross hospital unit in Servia under the direction of Dr. Edward Ryan, of Scranton, Pa., has saved many lives about Belgrade, according to Miss Emily Simmonds, a British Red Cross nurse, who arrived here yesterday. She had been sent with the first British expeditionar. here yesterday. She had been sent with the first British expeditionar force to France, and from there to

Reigian families—twenty-one persons—the advance contingent of between seventy-five and one hundred families who expect to settle in the southwest

ASKS REPARATION FOR SHOOTING OF YANKEES.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The board of aldermen yesterday adopted a resoof aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution requesting the American government to take action to secure the punishment of those responsible for the shooting of Walter Smith and Charles Dorsch by Cauadian soldiers on the Niagara river. Smith was killed and Dorsch was seriously wounded. The resolution asks that "the government secure such justice to the families of the dead and wounded as may be just and proper."

WANT "JEB" STUART'S SON SENT TO WEST POINT. ITALY LANDS MARINES

Washington, Jan. .- Governor and Senator Swanson, of art and Senator Swanson, of Virginia, asked President Wilson yester-day to honor the memory of General J. E. B. Stuart, Confederate lend I. by appointing his grandson, J. E. B. Stuart, of Norfolk, to West Point. The president promised to consider the re-

GARDNER CRITICISES

BALKAN STATES THREATENED AGAIN BY THICK WAR CLOUD.

London, Jan. 4.—Persevering steps that have been taken to insure peace among the Christian Balkan states and to insure Balkan neutrality, have not met with complete success, according to dispatches from near-eastern capitals, and Bulgaria, Greece, Romma nia and Italy are still preparing for experimental success. eventualities.

The statement made in the Greek chamber of deputies by M. Thecoth "Since the latter part of August. I have been working with the wounded." she said. "With seven young English girls I have worked in the trenches four hundred yards from the firing line in her during the last war, while the

TWO GET NEW TRIALS IN ALLEGED FRAUDS.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5,-

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—New trials were granted the Rev. Albert G. Gammage, of Kansas City, and C. H. Hubbard, of Pittsburg, Kansas, two of the five men yeen the converted here of using the mails to defraud in the sale of Florida lands by the Chambers Land Company.

A new trial was refused Dr. E. C. Chambers, of Kansas City, president of the company, and the motion of W. C. Harper, of Fort Landerdale, Fla. was continued. E. L. Russell, of Miani, Fla., was granted a new trial on eleven of the twelve counts on which he was convicted, but he was refused a new trial on the type of the twelve the counts of the continued. a new trial on the twelfth.

AT DURAZZO.

Rome, Italy, Jan. 5,—Italian marines were lauded at Durazz, Albania, last night, and are now holding the city to prevent capture and looting by the Mussulman insurgents. Members of the various legations are refugeeing on Italian war ships.

"HIGH PRIEST OF REACTION."

BOARD OF TRADE

SECRETARY GARDNER FITTING UP COMMODIOUS QUARTERS-FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

This morning Secretary Gardner moved his effects into the new Heard of Trade chambers on West Cark street, and is busy getting the recoms and furniture arranged, which will be in the next few days. It is the intention of Mr. Gardner and the Board of Trade to make this phase conference. tion of Mr. Gardner and the Board of Trade to make this place confortable and pleasant for the visitors to our town, where they can drop in and get what information they desire concerning the advantages and resources of the county. A display of fruits, vegetables and farm products will be on display at these rooms, together with a sutply of reliable printed matter for free distribution.

The Board of Trade in selecting a secretary who will devote his whole time to the affairs of the city and compy, and opening up a permanent office

time to the affairs of the city and com-ty, and opening up a permanent office which will be kept open to the public at all times, has taken a step in the right direction and should receive the commendation and hearty support of every citizen of Arcadia. It will take considerable money to support this movement, and it is earnestly hoped that every citizen will give it their liberal financial assistance. It is now by to each individual to de his part and the board will do the rest.

BROWN & JONES SECURE COUNTY ATTORNEYSHIP.

Has Grown to Be a Position of Great Importance to the County.

The law firm of Brown & Jones, of The law firm of Brown & Jones, of this city, were successful this morning in being named by the new Board of County Commissioners as attorneys for the board during the ensuing term. This is a very high compliment to this recently organized firm of Arcadia law-yers, and fully attests the high esteem in which they are held for straightfor-wardness and efficiency. Under the terms of the contract that

Under the terms of the contract that has been agreed upon between the firm of Brown & Jones and the Board of Commissioners, the law firm will not only serve as the legal adviser of the board, but will also serve as the prosecutors for the county in criminal actions brought before the county judge's court. The fast increasing business in DeSoto, and the consequent number of new cases in which the county is of new cases in which the county is the great number.

Official announced that Germán aviators successivity raided British amuminition store houses at Rosendael and Conderkerine, mear Dunkirk, and a hundred British were killed by bombs. Ammunition and the outskirts of the village fired.

The Germans have captured the Posish town of Borjimov, an important railroad town. The situation south of the Vistula greatly favors the Germans.

MAN KILLS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN.

mas holitays at Moscow.
Turkish troops, whose defeat we mannounced by the property of the prop

Lemberg. Galicia, Jan. 5.-Russian aeroplanes engaged three Austrian air ships in a battle above Przemysł today. At five thousand feet the Russians dropped six bombs on the forts, destroying three guns. Three Austrian ships arose, one being disabled, and the others forced to descend. The Russians returned to their station undamaged.

AUSTRIA CLAIMS BIG VICTORY OVER THE RUSSIANS.

Vienna, Jan. 5.—The Austrians de-cisively checked the Russians advancing on Cracow, inflicting heavy bases and taking thirty thousand prisoners. The Russian casualties are severe around the Dunajec river.

PORTUGUESE HAVE CLIMBED INTO THE WAR.

Lisbon, Jan. 5 .- It is officially a nounced that Portnguese troops have engaged the Germans at Angola, West Africa, This aligns Portugal with the

DISASTERS

AVIATORS SUCCESSFULLY RAID-ED BRITISH AMMUNITION STORE HOUSES NEAR DUNKIRK AND DROPPED BOMBS WHICH DID MUCH DAMAGE, OUT-SKIRTS OF VILLAGE FIREDA AND OVER ONE HUNDRED BRITISH ARE KILLED.

GERMANS MAKE CAPTURE IMPORTANT POLISH TOWN

IT IS THE GERMAN CLAIM THAT THE SITUATION SOUTH OF THE VISTULA IS VERY FAVORABLE TO THEIR SUCCESS.

REPULSE FRENCH ATTACKS

IN ALSACE THE FRENCH ARE RE-PULSED, AND THE GERMANS CLAIM TO BE MAKING PROG-RESS WEST OF WARSAW.

Berlin, Jan. 5.-Repulse of Frenchattacks in Alsace and Argonne, the blowing up of a French trench nerta of Arras, and progress by the Ger-nous west of Warsaw are the chief points in the official statement tals af-

The official bureau yesterday said:
"In the western theatre of war, except for a more or less heavy artillery combat along the front, it was generally only."

ally quiet.

"Only near Thann, in Alsace, did the enemy show great activity. After an overwhelming bombardment of the heights to the west of Sennheim, the enemy succeeded during the evening in capturing our demolished trenches on these heights and in connection therewith the village of Steinbach, which we stubbornly defended, and which frequently has been mentioned in our reports. The heights were retaken during the night by a bayonet attack.

Washington, Jan., 5.—To relieve therman and Austrian war prisoners a committee of missiomeries, principally Americans, started to-law from Peikin for the interior of Sherfia, bearing medical supplies and clathing furnished by the American Red Cross The prisoners generally have been paroled under pledge part to leave the meighborhood. Their only wants are food, clothing and medicine.

London, Jan., 5.—It is reported five million Russian soldiers have passed through Warsaw going westward and southward. Warsaw is surrounded by immense field fortifications and it is believed it is impreguable.

SUPREME COURT COURT AFFIRMS LOWER COURT.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The supreme court today affirmed the judgment of a quarter of a million dollars obtained by Lowe & Company, Daubury hatters against members of the Hatters' Union for damages resulting from a boycott.

MANATEE MAN KILLED BY TRAIN IN GEORGIA.

Wayeross, Ga., Jan. 5.—R. C. Sweat, 47, was killed by a train hore last night. He lived at Manatee, Fla.

J. C. Dazey, of Palmdale, has closed up his work with the Palmdale Land Company, of Kansas City, and Mr. Dazey will continue to make his home in Palmdale, and will open up a local land office there.

Frank Jones, deputy sheriff of Jack-sonville, returned last night with a white prisoner from Wauchula, charg-ed with embezzlement.

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